

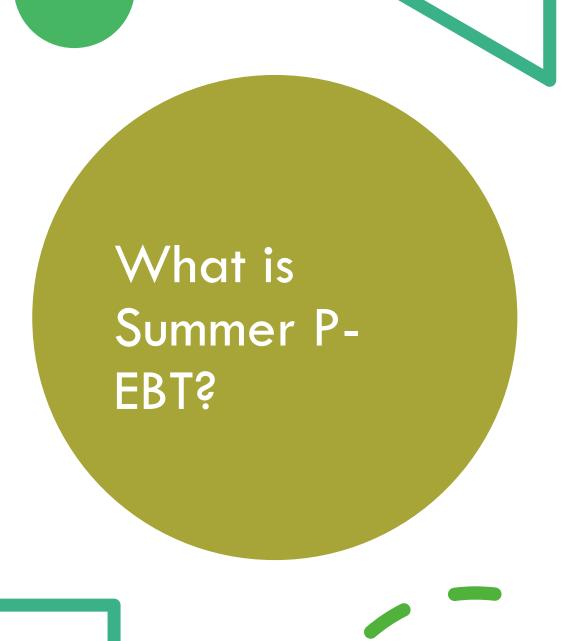
Summer Pandemic EBT

Extra SNAP food benefits for children and students for the Summer Months

A partnership between DHHS and USDA with support from DOE

What is P-EBT?

- Pandemic Electronic Benefit (P-EBT)
- Part of an overall USDA response to the COVID-19 pandemic
- Temporary emergency nutrition benefits on EBT cards that can be used to purchase food
- DHHS program that sources information securely from DOE



 P-EBT benefits available to cover the summer months

 Summer P-EBT is not tied to a learning model like School Year 2021 (SY21) P-EBT

Which school-aged children are eligible?

School-aged children must have been enrolled in a school in June 2021* and meet any of the following requirements:

- On the Direct Certification list anytime SY21 through August 31, 2021
- Eligible for free/reduced-price meal benefits either in SY21 or through applications submitted by 8/31/2021
- In a SY21 CEP/Special Provision school

*Students must have been enrolled in a school during June 2021, with the following considerations:

- Students who graduated in June are eligible
- 2022 pre-K students are not eligible
- 2022 kindergarten students who were not enrolled in pre-K are not eligible

What about younger children?

Children 0-5 will receive Summer P-EBT benefits if they are enrolled in SNAP in the Summer

How Much is the Benefit?

Benefit value covers breakfast, lunch and snack - \$6.82/day

Standard total benefit of \$375 based on USDA guidance



When are the benefits being provided?

The goal is to issue benefits in October 2021

How are benefits provided?

 P-EBT benefits will be loaded to the SY21 P-EBT card or the household's existing SNAP EBT card

 Families that do not have either card will be issued a new P-EBT card for each eligible child

Summer P-EBT Survey

- Maine DOE sent a link to the Summer P-EBT Qualtrics survey on 9/17/21
- Posted to the DOE Child Nutrition Listserv and emailed to Superintendents
- Survey responses are due 10/1/21
- Only trying to capture those newly eligible in June, July and August 2021
- We already have SY21 data
- We will securely share this data with DHHS

Tips:
Summer PEBT Survey

Only upload students whose applications were received in June, July, and August of 2021

Direct certification students should not be uploaded - Maine DOE already has these students

All data fields shown on the example in the survey must be uploaded, you will be contacted for additional information if anything is missing



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- Only upload information for students who were determined to be newly eligible during June, July, and August of 2021. In order to be eligible, students must have been enrolled in a school during June 2021
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 - o 2022 pre-K students are not eligible
 - o 2022 kindergarten students who were not enrolled in pre-K are not eligible

Select excel file to upload

Drop files or click here to upload

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What resources are available?

- DHHS has created a website that includes information about the program as well as a question-and-answer section. You can access that website here:
 - https://www.maine.gov/dhhs/ofi/programs-services/food-supplement
- Call DHHS at 1-855-797-4357 if needed
- Resources from community partners, including Full Plates Full Potential are also available
 - feedkids.me

Why were cards sent to my Principal?

- In some cases, eligible household addresses were not available
- Cards were sent to Principals for secure distribution
- Confidentiality should be considered

How do I set up my pin for my P-EBT card?

• Call the number on the back of the P-EBT card. You will need to enter the child's date of birth and the last four digits of their Social Security Number (SS#). If the child does not have a SS# or it was not provided to us, you will need to enter 9999.

I didn't ask for P-EBT and I do not want it. What do I do with the P-EBT card?

 Please destroy the card. P-EBT cards are for the individual child. It a prosecutable offense to give the card and/or benefits away.

Other people received P-EBT on their EBT card. Why don't I have my card(s) or benefits yet?

• P-EBT cards can take 14 days or longer to be delivered due to postal delays. If you have not received a card, you can contact DHHS at Farmington.DHHS@Maine.gov or call 1-855-797-4357 for additional assistance.

 Summer P-EBT benefits won't be issued until at least October with a set benefit amount of \$375

What is next?

SY 2022 Pandemic EBT Developing a plan with DHHS Benefits will be more like SY21

